

BRUN-BUISSON et al
Appl. No. 10/559,707
October 24, 2008

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 11, 12 and 14-35 are in the case.

I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

It is noted, with appreciation, that claims 13, 20 and 21 are allowable. In light of that indication, and in order to expedite prosecution, claim 11 has been amended to incorporate claim 13 and claim 13 has been canceled without prejudice. Claim 21 has been amended to be dependent on claim 11. No new matter is entered. Allowance of the claims as amended is respectfully requested.

II. THE OUTSTANDING REJECTIONS

Certain claims stand rejected on formal and obviousness grounds. In response, as noted above, the claims have been amended to be directed to the subject matter indicated in the Action to be allowable. With reference to the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection, claims 22, 23 and 25 have been amended to remove preferred features and those features, if not already the subject of a separate dependent claim, are presented in new dependent claims. No new matter is entered and no new issues are raised.

It is noted that these amendments have been made to expedite prosecution and are not to be taken as any concession that any merit exists in the rejections. Withdrawal of all outstanding rejections is now respectfully requested.

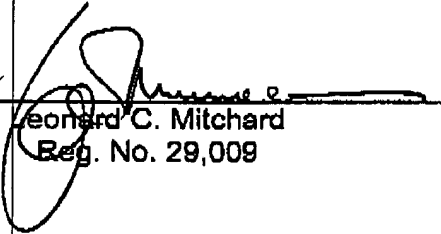
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Favorable action is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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